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# The Pennsylvania Trail Of History

The Charter 1681 — Penn's Arrival 1682



A GUIDE MAP TO HISTORIC  
SITES AND MUSEUMS

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# INTRODUCTION

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Pennsylvania, the “holy experiment” in political relations which William Penn established in 1681, can now look back on three centuries of its history and consider its accomplishments. Indeed, visitors to museums and historic sites in all parts of the State have much to consider — at Pennsbury Manor in Bucks County, William Penn’s manner of life; at the William Penn Memorial Museum in Harrisburg, the history, culture and natural environment of the Commonwealth; and at other sites and museums, the lasting character of the “holy experiment.” These places are maintained by public or private agencies — those on the **Pennsylvania Trail of History** by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission.

## The Pennsylvania Trail of History:

1. Sweden settled New Sweden—Delaware and southeastern Pennsylvania—in 1638. In 1643, its governor, Johan Printz, built his capital at what became Essington, Delaware County, Pennsylvania. Visitors may see the foundation of his Printzhof at **GOVERNOR PRINTZ PARK**, a few blocks from Pa. 291 and 420 junction.
2. The Finns, who came with the Swedes, gave America the log cabin. **MORTON HOMESTEAD**, 17th-century log home of the Swedish grandfather of John Morton, signer of the Declaration, is open in Prospect Park, Delaware County, on Pa. 420 at Darby Creek.
3. A handsome re-creation of William Penn’s country home, **PENNSBURY MANOR**, is in Bucks County near U.S. 1 and 13, south of Morrisville, east of Tullytown.
4. **OLD CHESTER COURTHOUSE**, built in 1724, has been the courthouse of Chester and Delaware counties and the Chester city hall. On the Avenue of the States between Fourth and Fifth.
5. Washington’s Revolutionary army successfully counterattacked the British by crossing the Delaware River, Christmas, 1776, from **WASHINGTON CROSSING HISTORIC PARK**, Bucks County. Historic buildings are open. Take Pa. 32 or 532.
6. **GRAEME PARK** is an unusual and charming country house built by Gov. William Keith in 1721-22 and sold to Dr. Thomas Graeme in 1739. On County Line Road, west of U.S. 611 near Horsham, Montgomery County.
7. **HOPE LODGE** is named for Henry Hope, who gave his name to the Hope Diamond. This beautiful Georgian house is on former U.S. 309 near Fort Washington exit (No. 26), Pennsylvania Turnpike.
8. **POTTSGROVE MANSION** was the home of the Potts family of ironmasters. Begun in 1752 by John Potts, it has lovely classical features and 18th-century furnishings. The Pottses were active in the Revolution. On West King Street in Pottstown, Montgomery County.





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10. An unsuccessful attempt by the Revolutionary army to block British occupation of Philadelphia was made at **BRANDYWINE BATTLEFIELD PARK** in September, 1777. On U.S. 1 at Chadds Ford, Delaware County.

11. At **CONRAD WEISER PARK**, Womelsdorf, Berks County, is the little stone house of Conrad Weiser, who helped Pennsylvania keep peace with the Indians before 1755. On U.S. 422 between Lebanon and Reading.

12. Iron was smelted, 1742 to 1883, and cannon for the Revolution were cast at **CORNWALL FURNACE**, one of many iron plantations in Pennsylvania. This well-preserved furnace is in Cornwall, Lebanon County.

13. Conrad Beissel, a German mystic, founded a monastic community in Ephrata, Lancaster County, in 1732. The medieval-style buildings of the **EPHRATA CLOISTER** are famous. At U.S. 322 and Pa. 272.

14. Historic railroad locomotives and rolling stock may be seen at the **RAILROAD MUSEUM OF PENNSYLVANIA** across Pa. 741 from the Strasburg, Lancaster County, railroad station.

15. **ROBERT FULTON BIRTHPLACE** was the first home of the builder of the steamboat. On U.S. 222 north of Goshen, Lancaster County.

16. The **PENNSYLVANIA FARM MUSEUM** at Landis Valley exhibits buildings, homes, trades, tools, farm equipment and decorative arts of three centuries. This museum village is on Pa. 272 north of Lancaster.

17. **OLD MILL VILLAGE** depicts early-day life and the buildings typical of northern Pennsylvania. Open weekends, late May through September, on Pa. 848 south of New Milford, Susquehanna County.

18. The **PENNSYLVANIA ANTHRACITE MUSEUM COMPLEX** comprises four museums: Scranton Anthracite Museum in Keyser Valley Park, Scranton, history of anthracite and anthracite region; Village of Eckley, northeast of Hazleton off Pa. 940, miners and their families in the 19th century; Ashland Anthracite Museum (not yet open), Ashland, history of mining technology; and Scranton Iron Furnaces, downtown Scranton, early iron industry.

19. Refugees from the French Revolution and the slave uprising in French Haiti began a settlement, **FRENCH AZILUM**, in Bradford County in 1793. The site of the former town and the LaPorte House, which stands there, can be reached from Pa. 187 south of Wysox.

20. **WARRIOR RUN CHURCH**, a beautiful Greek Revival country church, is located on Pa. 147 north of McEwensville, Northumberland County.

21. The **JOSEPH PRIESTLEY HOUSE**, American home of the 18th-century Englishman who was a Unitarian theologian and the discoverer of oxygen, may be visited in Northumberland on Priestley Avenue.

22. **SODOM SCHOOLHOUSE**, an octagonal school built about 1836, is one mile east of Montandon, Northumberland County, on Pa. 45.

23. A scale reproduction of **FORT AUGUSTA**, a wooden fortification erected in 1756 against the possibility of attack during the French and Indian War, and a small museum are located at Sunbury, Northumberland County, on Pa. 147.

24. The **WILLIAM PENN MEMORIAL MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES BUILDING** in Harrisburg is the heart of the Historical and Museum Commission's activities. Exhibits of Pennsylvania industry, transportation, arts, crafts, geology, natural environment, Indian archeology, and history and the State archives are here.

25. **HISTORIC PEACE CHURCH**, begun in 1798 in Hampden Township, Cumberland County, has a lovely interior and an 1807 organ. West of Harrisburg off Pa. 641 on St. Johns Road.

26. Old **TUSCARORA ACADEMY**, an early private school at Academia in Juniata County, is southwest of Mifflintown on L.R. 437, between Pa. 35 and 75.

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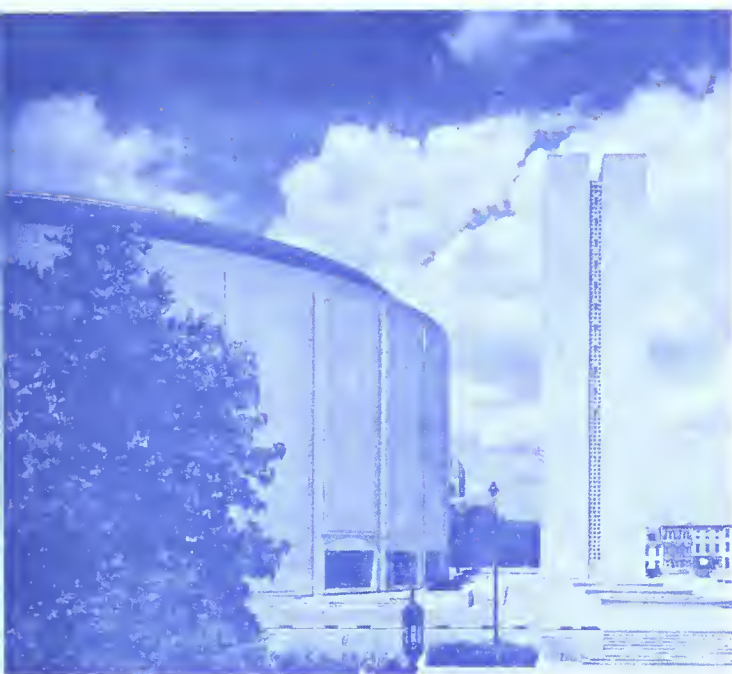
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28. At Caledonia State Park, Franklin County, is a re-created **THADDEUS STEVENS' BLACKSMITH SHOP**. His ironworks, which were located here, were razed by Confederates. At Pa. 233, U.S. 30.

29. **OLD BROWN'S MILL SCHOOL** is a furnished example of a one-room schoolhouse, between Interstate 81 and U.S. 11 near Marion in Franklin County.

30. The **PENNSYLVANIA MILITARY MUSEUM**, at the 28th Division Shrine on U.S. 322 at Boalsburg, Centre County, depicts the soldier at war. The Shrine honors the 28th Division, Pennsylvania National Guard.

31. The mansion of the Eagle Iron Works at **CURTIN VILLAGE RESTORATION**, four miles east of Milesburg, Centre County, on U.S. 220, is now open. Visitors may also inspect the restored furnace.

32. Lumbering was a major Pennsylvania industry; its history is depicted in the **PENNSYLVANIA LUMBER MUSEUM** at Denton Hill on U.S. 6 between Coudersport and Galeton, Potter County.

33. **ADMIRAL PEARY PARK** honors Robert E. Peary, who became in 1909 the first man to reach the North Pole. On U.S. 22 at Cresson, Cambria County.

34. Northeast of Bedford, off Pa. 26 near Saxton, Bedford County, is the **CAPTAIN PHILLIPS' RANGERS MEMORIAL** at the site of a Revolutionary skirmish.

35. **SOMERSET HISTORICAL CENTER** tells the history of the Laurel Highlands region of Pennsylvania. It is on old U.S. 219 north of Somerset in Somerset County near the Pennsylvania Turnpike.

36. U.S. 40 was the first National Road, and was begun in the early 19th century. When it became a State road in 1835, the **SEARIGHTS TOLLHOUSE** was erected west of Uniontown. It is at the side of U.S. 40.

37. Colonel Henry Bouquet defeated Indians at **BUSHY RUN BATTLEFIELD** in 1763 and helped open western Pennsylvania to settlement. The battlefield is on Pa. 993 northwest of Greensburg in Westmoreland County.

38. David Bradford, a principal in the Whiskey Rebellion, built his home, the **DAVID BRADFORD HOUSE**, in Washington, Pennsylvania, at 173 South Main Street.

39. The **FORT PITT MUSEUM** in a re-created bastion in Point Park, Pittsburgh, depicts the imperial struggle between France and Britain for western Pennsylvania and the old northwest. It also tells the history of Fort Duquesne, Fort Pitt and early Pittsburgh.

40. George Rapp established Christian communism at **OLD ECONOMY VILLAGE** in 1824 in Ambridge, Beaver County. Here pious and celibate Germans prospered in agriculture and industry.

41. **OLD STONE HOUSE** is a reconstructed and authentically furnished wayside tavern built in 1822. It is twelve miles north of Butler on Pa. 8.

42. **JOHNSTON'S TAVERN** began offering food and lodging to weary travelers in 1831. It is on U.S. 19 a mile north of Leesburg, Mercer County.

43. **DRAKE WELL MUSEUM** near Titusville presents a full-size replica of the engine shed and derrick over the world's first oil well, drilled on that spot by Edwin L. Drake in 1859. An outstanding museum tells about the Pennsylvania oil country.

44. **PITHOLE CITY**, off Pa. 227 north of Plumer, Venango County, is the site of a famous oil boom town of 15,000, begun in 1865 and abandoned in 1867.

45. Major George Washington, sent by Governor Dinwiddie of Virginia in 1753 to warn the French away from the Pennsylvania frontier, traveled as far as **FORT LE BOEUF**, now in Waterford, Erie County, to confront them. There is a new museum at the site, on U.S. 19.

46. The **FLAGSHIP NIAGARA**, at the foot of State Street in Erie, recalls the stirring victory of Captain Oliver Hazard Perry over the British on Lake Erie in 1813.

47. The **OLD CUSTOM HOUSE**, Erie, a Greek Revival structure built in 1839 for the United State Bank, and the **CASHIER'S HOUSE** are at 409 State Street.

Bloody Spring, Sunbury, Northumberland County

Fort Loudoun, Fort Loudon, Franklin County

Nathan Denison House, Forty Fort, Luzerne County

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# HISTORICAL SITES AND MUSEUMS OF PENNSYLVANIA

There are other places to visit for those with historical interests. The leading cities have significant museums, and most of the counties have historical societies, many with museums and some with historic houses.





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